emphasis on the promotion of Indian Systems of Medicine as an integral part of total Health Care Delivery Programme. The Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare wrote a letter on 7-8-1990 to all Chief Ministers, including the Chief Minister of Gujarat for adequate utilisation of doctors of Indian Systems of Medicine in the Rural Health Services.

Gujarat has already got a separate Directorate of Indian Systems of Medicine and Homoeopathy, 41 Ayurvedic hospitals and 570 Ayurvedic dispensaries (1988). The State also possesses the only Ayurvedic University in the country viz. Guarat Ayurvede University. There are 9 Ayurvedic Colleges with an admission capacity of about 300 students.

Production by Manali Petrochemical Project

2872. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) by when the Manali Petrochemical project promoted by Southern Petroleum Industries Corporation will go on stream;

(b) whether the production of propylene glycol will start first, to be followed by polyols;

(c) what are the main features of the proposed plan; and

(d) to what extent foreign exchange ill be saved thereby ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) and (b) The propylene oxide and propylene glycol units of the Manali Petrochemical project are reported to have been commissioned in August, 1990 and trial production is on. The polyol plant is expected to be commissioned in October. 1990.

(c) The plan is to produce propylene oxide from propylene being supplied by Madras Refineries Ltd., and utilise this propylene oxide for conversion to propylene glycol and polyols.

(d) The extent of foreign exchange saving, by way of import substitution will depend upon factors such as capacity build up, international price of the products from time to time etc.

Sponsoring of Candidate for foreign studies on the basis of fake certificates

2873. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Medical Council of India sent some of its employees to Moscow. for undergraduate medical course on the basis of a fake certificate of SC/ST which was arranged by the then Secretary of Medical Council of India, during 1987-88;

(b) if so, whether any enquiry has been made; and

(c) if not, what steps are being taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) The Medical Council of India selects 50 candidates for admission to undergraduate medical education in various medical institutions in USSR from the year 1987-88, based on the competitive examinations and interview. 10 seats are reserved for SC/ST. In the reserved category one candidate was the son of an employee of the Council. All the candidates belonging to SC/ST have submitted their caste certificates. The MCI is not aware of the production of any fake certificate.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

Representation from the service Doctors organisations

2874. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the service doctors have again appealed to Government to institute a judicial enquiry for fixing responsibility for the non-implementation of agreement pertaining to promotions and financial benefits:

(b) whether the Joint Action Council of service doctors organisations had sent a fresh representation to Government;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) to (d) The JACSDO have urged Government to institute a judicial enquiry with regard to non-implementation of certain provitions of the Memorandum of Settlement dated 21-8-89 and to fix responsibility for taking action against persons found to be at fault. It has been decided to entrust certain points of disputed interpretations in respect of above Memorandum of Settlement for consideration etc. to a Committee headed by Secretary (Co-ordination) and including senior representatives of Department of Expenditure and Personnel.

International conference on AIDS

2875. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that sixth International Conference on AIDS was held recently in San Francisco:

(b) whether the conference opined that the world is still under the dark about ways of coping with the virus that causes the illness;

(c) what were the subjects discussed in the conference; and

(d) what were the decisions taken and what steps India is taking to tackle the problem of AIDS?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) The conference covered all major areas in AIDS research and management including epidemiology, clinical problems, AIDS problem in special groups such as homosexuals, HIV drug addicts, prostitutes, women and children, diagnostic tests, therapeutic agents and potential candidate vaccines. In addition to the medical and basic-science topics, special attention was paid to the psycho-social, ethical and legal of AIDS.

(d) The conference emphasised the fact that health education plays key role in prevention of HIV infection Facilities for counselling and care of sero-positive persons and AIDS cases are to be built up in all countries because of the increase in number of persons requiring these service in the nineties Research efforts for finding curative drugs and effective vaccine should be continued. Sentinel surveillance to monitor trends in prevalence of HIV infection should be strengthened

Government of India has drawn up Medium Term Plan for Prevention of AIDS. In the Medium Term